## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A method for automatic digital audio mixing of at least two digital audio files, comprising:

reading at least two said digital audio files;

<u>automatically</u> determining a scale factor for each of said digital audio files <u>based on an</u> <u>analysis of said at least two digital audio files by a digital processing unit;</u>

applying said scale factor to each of said digital audio files respectively to create scaled digital audio files; and

combining each of said scaled digital audio files into a single digital audio output file.

- 2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein said method is performed within a server device operatively coupled over a network to a client device.
- 3. (previously presented): The method of claim 2, further including receiving one of said at least two digital audio files from a user.
- 4-35. (canceled)
- 36. (currently amended): An apparatus for automatic digital audio mixing of at least two digital audio files, said apparatus comprising:
  - a means for reading at least two said digital audio files;
- a means for <u>automatically</u> determining a scale factor for each of said digital audio files <u>based on an analysis of said at least two digital audio files by a digital processing unit;</u>
- a means for applying said scale factor to each of said digital audio files respectively to create scaled digital audio files; and
- a means for combining each of said <u>scaled</u> digital audio files into a single digital <del>audio</del> output file.

- 37. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 36, wherein said method apparatus is performed within a server device operatively coupled over a network to a client device.
- 38. (currently amended): The method apparatus of claim 37, further including means for receiving one of said at least two digital audio files from a user.

39-70. (canceled)

71. (currently amended): A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for automatic digital audio mixing of at least two digital audio files, said method comprising:

reading at least two said digital audio files;

automatically determining a scale factor for each of said digital audio files <u>based on an</u> analysis of said at least two digital audio files by a digital processing unit;

applying said scale factor to each of said digital audio files respectively to create scaled digital audio files; and

combining each of said scaled digital audio files into a single digital audio output file.

- 72. (previously presented): The method of claim 71, wherein said method is performed within a server device operatively coupled over a network to a client device.
- 73. (previously presented): The method of claim 72, further including receiving one of said at least two digital audio files from a user.

74-105 (canceled)